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SUBJECT: SAHARA: PRESS COVERAGE OF 28TH OAU MINISTERIAL

1. ALGERIAN PRESS ANNOUNCED FEB 23 THAT MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN DELEGATIONS WALKED OUT OF 28TH OAU MINISTERIAL AT LOME FEB 21 BECAUSE OF PRESENCE OF POLISARIO DELEGATION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FRENCH RADIO, IN REPORTING THIS NEWS FEB 22, COMMENTED THAT TOGOLESE, HAVING RECOGNIZED SAHRAOUI REPUBLIC, FELT COMPELLED TO ALLOW POLISARIO DELEGATION TO BE PRESENT.

2. PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT OAU DEPUTY SECY GEN KAMANDA WA KAMANDA ANNOUNCED RECENTLY THAT CONSULTATIONS WERE GOING FORWARD FOR SETTING DATE AND PLACE OF SPECIAL OAU SUMMIT ON SAHARA. KAMANDA ALSO REPORTED AS SAYING THAT SAHARA QUESTION HAD NOT BEEN FORGOTTEN.

3. PRESS GIVES NO FURTHER DETAILS ON STATE OF PLAY ON SAHARA AND ITS SUMMARY OF POLITICAL ISSUES TO BE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSIDERED AT LOME DOES NOT INCLUDE SAHARA QUESTION.

4. TOURISM MINISTER ABDELAZIZ MAOUI IS HEADING ALGERIAN DELEGATION AT MINISTERIAL. THIS IS FIRST TIME IN PAST TWO YEARS THAT MAOUI HAS UNDERTAKEN DIPLOMATIC MISSION.

5. COMMENT: ONE REASON FOR MAOUT'S NEW DIPLOMATIC
ROLE MAY BE THAT BOTH BOUTEFLIKA AND COMMERCE MINISTER
YAKER, WHO OFTEN HANDLES DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENTS IN
AFRICA, PRESUMABLY PREOCCUPIED WITH FEB 25 LEGISLATIVE
ELECTIONS. YAKER IS A CANDIDATE AND BOUTEFLIKA, AS
MEMBER OF COUNCIL OF REVOLUTION, PRESUMABLY EXPECTED TO
BE PRESENT ON ELECTION DAY.LYNE

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